

APPENDIX DA

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**APPENDIX DA
(DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICE)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for Directory Assistance (DA) Services for switched-based CLEC's or CLEC's leasing unbundled switched-ports as provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.2 SBC Communications, Inc. (SBC) means the holding company which owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.
- 1.3 As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.4 As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means an ILEC doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.5 As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.6 As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.7 As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means an ILEC doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.8 As used herein, **SBC-SWBT** means an ILEC doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.9 As used herein, **SBC-AMERITECH** means an ILEC doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

- 1.10 As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.11 As used herein, **PACIFIC** means an ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 As used herein, **NEVADA** means an ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.13 As used herein, **SNET** means an ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

2. SERVICES

- 2.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** will provide the following DA Services:

- 2.1.1 **DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE (DA)**

- 2.1.1.1 Consists of providing subscriber listing information (address, and published telephone number or an indication of “non-published status”) for the local/intraLATA serving area where available to CLEC’s End Users who dial 411, 1/0+411, 555-1212, 1/0+555-1212, or 1/0+NPA-555-1212 or other dialing arrangement.

- 2.1.2 **DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE CALL COMPLETION (DACC) or Express Call Completion (ECC)**

- 2.1.2.1 A service in which a local or an intraLATA call to the requested number is completed on behalf of CLEC’s End User, utilizing an automated voice system or with operator assistance.

- 2.1.3 **NATIONAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE (NDA)**

- 2.1.3.1 **SBC-10STATE/PACIFIC** - A service in which listed telephone information (name, address, and telephone numbers) is provided for residential, business and government accounts throughout the 50 states to CLEC End Users.

- 2.1.3.2 **NEVADA/SNET** – NDA is not technically feasible and/or available.

- 2.1.4 **BUSINESS CATEGORY SEARCH (BCS)**

- 2.1.4.1 **SBC-SWBT** – A service which will provide CLEC End Users the ability to request business listings for a specified category of businesses, when the name of the business is not known. Telephone numbers may be requested for local and national businesses.

- 2.1.4.2 **SBC-AMERITECH/SBC-2STATE/SNET** – BCS is not available.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 The following terms are defined as set forth below:

- 3.1.1 “**Non-List Telephone Number or DA only Telephone Number**” - A telephone number that, at the request of the telephone subscriber, is not published in a telephone directory, but is available from a DA operator.
- 3.1.2 “**Non-Published Number**” - A telephone number that, at the request of the telephone subscriber, is neither published in a telephone directory nor available from a DA operator.
- 3.1.3 “**Published Number**” - A telephone number that is published in a telephone directory and is available upon request by calling a DA operator.

4. CALL BRANDING

4.1 The procedure of identifying a provider’s name audibly and distinctly to the End User at the beginning of each DA Services call.

4.1.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** will brand DA in CLEC’s name based upon the criteria outlined below:

4.1.1.1 Where **SBC-12STATE** provides CLEC Operator Services (OS) and DA services via the same trunk, both the OS and DA calls will be branded with the same brand. Where **SBC-12STATE** is only providing DA service on behalf of the CLEC, the calls will be branded.

4.1.1.1.1 **SNET** – Where **SNET** provides Operator Services (OS) and DA services on behalf of CLEC, the CLEC must provide separate trunk groups for OS and DA. Each trunk group will require separate branding announcements. Where **SNET** is only providing DA service on behalf of the CLEC, the CLEC’s calls will be branded.

4.1.1.2 CLEC name used in branding calls may be subject to Commission regulations and should match the name in which CLEC is doing business.

4.1.1.3 **SBC-13STATE** - CLEC will provide written specifications of its company name to be used by **SBC-13STATE** to create the CLEC’s specific branding announcement for its DA calls in accordance with the process outlined in the Operator Services OS/DA Questionnaire (OSQ).

4.1.1.4 A CLEC purchasing **SBC-13STATE** unbundled local switching is responsible for maintaining CLEC's End User customer records in **SBC-13STATE** Line Information Database (LIDB) as described in Appendix LIDB. CLEC's failure to properly administer customer records in LIDB may result in branding errors.

4.1.1.5 Branding Load Charges:

4.1.1.5.1 **SBC-SWBT** - An initial non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch, for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement. In addition, a per call charge applies for every DA call handled by **SBC-SWBT** on behalf of CLEC when such services are provided in conjunction with the purchase of **SBC-SWBT** unbundled local switching.

4.1.1.5.2 **PACIFIC/NEVADA** – An initial non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch, for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

4.1.1.5.3 **SNET** – An initial non-recurring charge applies per brand, per load, per Operator assistance switch for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per brand, per load, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

4.1.1.5.4 **SBC-AMERITECH** – An initial non-recurring charge applies per brand, per Operator Assistance Switch, per trunk group for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. In addition, a per call charge applies for every DA call handled by **SBC-AMERITECH** on behalf of CLEC when such services are provided in conjunction with the purchase of **SBC-AMERITECH** unbundled local switching. An additional non-recurring charge applies per brand, per Operator assistance switch, per trunk group for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

4.1.1.5.5 Silent branding has the same requirements and rates as the audible brand as addressed in 4.1.1.5.

5. DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE (DA) REFERENCE/RATER INFORMATION

5.1 An SBC database referenced by an SBC Operator for CLEC DA specific information as provided by the CLEC such as it's business office, repair and DA rates.

5.1.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC DA Reference/Rater information based upon the criteria outlined below:

5.1.1.1 CLEC will furnish DA Reference and Rater -information in accordance with the process outlined in the Operator Services Questionnaire (OSQ).

5.1.1.2 CLEC will inform **SBC-12STATE** via the Operator Services Questionnaire (OSQ) of any changes to be made to Reference/Rater information.

5.1.1.3 An initial non-recurring charge will apply per state, per Operator assistance switch for loading of CLEC's DA Reference/Rater information. An additional non-recurring charge will apply per state, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to either the CLEC's DA Services Reference or Rater -information.

5.1.1.4 Where technically feasible and/or available, when an **SBC-12STATE** Operator receives a rate request from a CLEC End User, **SBC-12STATE** will quote the applicable DA rates as provided by CLEC or as otherwise defined below.

5.1.1.5 **SNET**- until technically feasible and/or available, when a **SNET** Operator receives a rate request from a CLEC end user, **SNET** will quote the surcharge rate only.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

6.1 CLEC agrees that due to customer quality and work force scheduling, **SBC-13STATE** will be the sole provider of DA Services for CLEC's local serving area(s) for a minimum of a one (1) year period.

6.2 CLEC will be responsible for providing the equipment and facilities necessary for signaling and routing calls with Automatic Number Identification (ANI) to each **SBC-13STATE** Operator assistance switch. Should CLEC seek to obtain interexchange DA Service from **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC is responsible for ordering

the necessary facilities under the appropriate interstate or intrastate Access Service Tariffs. Nothing in this Agreement in any way changes the manner in which an interexchange Carrier obtains access service for the purpose of originating or terminating interexchange traffic.

- 6.3 Facilities necessary for the provision of DA Services shall be provided by the Parties hereto, using standard trunk traffic engineering procedures to insure that the objective grade of service is met. Each Party shall bear the costs for its own facilities and equipment.
- 6.4 CLEC will furnish to **SBC-13STATE** a completed OSQ thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the date when the DA Services are to be undertaken.
- 6.5 CLEC will provide **SBC-13STATE** updates to the OSQ fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of the date when changes are to become effective.
- 6.6 CLEC will send the DA listing records to **SBC-13STATE** for inclusion in **SBC-13STATE** DA database via electronic gateway as described in Appendix WP.
- 6.7 CLEC agrees that **SBC-13STATE** may utilize CLEC's End User's listings contained in **SBC-13STATE** directory assistance database in providing existing and future **SBC-13STATE** directory assistance or DA related services.
- 6.8 CLEC further agrees that **SBC-13STATE** can release CLEC's directory assistance listings stored in **SBC-13STATE** directory assistance database to competing providers.

7. METHODS AND PRACTICES

- 7.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide DA Services to CLEC's End Users in accordance with **SBC-13STATE** DA methods and practices that are in effect at the time the DA call is made, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties.

8. PRICING

- 8.1 The prices at which **SBC-13STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with Directory Assistance Services are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.
- 8.2 Beyond the specified term of this Appendix, **SBC-13STATE** may change the prices for the provision of DA Services upon one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days' notice to CLEC.

9. MONTHLY BILLING

- 9.1 For information regarding billing, non-payment, disconnection, and dispute resolution, see the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.
- 9.2 **SBC-13STATE** will accumulate and provide CLEC such data as necessary for CLEC to bill its End Users.

10. LIABILITY

- 10.1 The provisions set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, including but not limited to those relating to limitation of liability and indemnification, shall govern performance under this Appendix.
- 10.2 CLEC also agrees to release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless **SBC-13STATE** from any claim, demand or suit that asserts any infringement or invasion of privacy or confidentiality of any person or persons caused or claimed to be caused, directly, or indirectly, by **SBC-13STATE** employees and equipment associated with provision of DA Services, including but not limited to suits arising from disclosure of the telephone number, address, or name associated with the telephone called or the telephone used to call DA Services.

11. TERMS OF APPENDIX

- 11.1 This Appendix will continue in force for the length of the Interconnection Agreement, but no less than twelve (12) months. At the expiration of the term of the Interconnection Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, or twelve months, whichever ever occurs later, either Party may terminate this Appendix upon one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days written notice to the other Party.
- 11.2 If CLEC terminates this Appendix prior to the expiration of the term of this Appendix, CLEC shall pay SWBT, within thirty (30) days of the issuance of any bills by **SBC-13STATE**, all amounts due for actual services provided under this Appendix, plus estimated monthly charges for the unexpired portion of the term. Estimated charges will be based on an average of the actual monthly service provided by **SBC-13STATE** pursuant to this Appendix prior to its termination.

12. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 12.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and

network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.